



Disaster and Emergency Management Resources

Evacuation Procedures

- For certain types of disasters you may be required to leave your home and stay in an emergency shelter or with a friend or a family member. These include floods, wildfires, and landslides.
- Contact your local Office of Emergency Services to determine community evacuation plans, including:
 - Community warning systems
 - Location of emergency shelters and escape routes
 - Evacuation policies and procedures

Preparing for Evacuation

- Develop a Family Disaster Plan and Evacuation Supply Kit (see Section 2.2 and 2.4)
- Review possible evacuation procedures with your family.
- Ask a friend or relative outside your area to be the check-in contact so that everyone in the family can call that person to say they are safe.
- Find out where children will be sent if they are in school when an evacuation is announced.
- Keep fuel in your car's gas tank at all times. During emergencies, filling stations may be closed. Never store extra fuel in the garage.
- If you do not have a car or other vehicle, make transportation arrangements with friends or neighbors.
- Know where and how to shut off electricity, gas, and water at main switches and valves. Make sure you have the tools you need to do this (usually pipe and crescent or adjustable wrenches). Check with your local utilities for instructions.

When You Are Told to Evacuate

- If there is time, secure your house.
 - Unplug appliances.
 - Turn off the main water valve.
 - Take any actions needed to prevent damage to water pipes by freezing weather, if this is a threat. Securely close and lock all doors, windows, and garage.
- Follow recommended evacuation routes. Do not take shortcuts; they may be blocked.
- Listen to the radio for emergency shelter information.
- Carry your family disaster evacuation supply kit.
- If an evacuation is called for, your local officials will tell you what routes to take and the locations of centers that will provide food, shelter, and other necessities. It is a good idea to know which routes are designated evacuation routes before an emergency happens.

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